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RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicants respectfully request that the
application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting
same to read as follows:

A1 --An information processing apparatus that executes
processing of a message transmitted among a plurality of sites